s. No.	Name	Outstand demand (as on 31.12.9 (R 9) in
28.	Srividya	6.13
29.	U. Nivedita	1.65
30.	Estate of Late Saila Bala Desi	2.50
31.	Jayashree Chowdhury	6.92
32.	T. Sankaramma	5.30
33.	R. Suknya	7.94
34.	Karishma Kapoor	8.38
	TOTAL	889.85

(b) Most of these demands are disputed in appeals and the appeals are pending before various appellate authorities and courts. Some of the demands are also stayed by courts and appellate authorities. The recovery of tax, however, is a continuous process, involving the use of various statutory provisions. These include charging of interest, levy of penalty, attachment of bank accounts, attachment and sale of movable and immovable properties, etc. Periodical review and monitoring of cases involving high demands are made by higher authorities on a continuous basis and necessary instructions are issued from time to time for effecting the recovery of taxes.

Performance of cooperative banks in Gujarat

*426. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have studied the performance of Cooperative banks in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the findings thereof;

(c) which Cooperative banks of the State are running in losses and what is the accumulated loss of each such Cooperative Bank; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to revive the viability of these Cooperative Banks in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) The performance and problems of co-operative banks of Gujarat have not been separately studied, however,

Government has set up a Task Force under the Chairmanship of Shri Jagdish Capoor, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India to study the functioning of co-operative banks in the whole country and to suggest measures for their revival/restructuring. The Task Force has since completed its deliberations and its report is in advance stage of finalisation.

(c) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that three District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs) in the State of Gujarat had incurred losses during the year 1998-99 as indicated below:

Name of DCCB	Amount of Loss (Rs. Lakh)
Baroda	371.56
Panchmahal	81.00
Kutch	1.21
TOTAL:	453.77

The details of the accumulated losses of these banks as on 31.3.1999 are indicated below:

(Rs. Lakhs)

Sr. No.	Name of DCCB	Accumulated Losses
1.	Baroda	8317.09
2.	Kutch	476.10
3.	Panchmahal	2001.46

(d) Finance Minister has, in his Union Budget Speech for 2000-2001, proposed to establish a fund in NABARD for promoting a more vibrant rural cooperative credit system. The details of the same are to be worked out in the light of the recommendations made in the Report of the Task Force, which is in an advance stage of finalisation.

Misleading of RBI by ICICI

*427. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item which appeared in the "Economic Times" on the 7th March, 2000 under the caption "RBI slams ICICI for mis-stating NPA profits"; and